

## CLAIMS

1. A method for adjusting forward traffic channel power allocation in a  
2 communications system, comprising the steps of:  
    measuring at a mobile station respective signal qualities of pilots  
4 respectively transmitted by a plurality of base stations in an active set of said  
mobile station;  
6 comparing said respective signal qualities of said pilots to a standard;  
    reporting a message to a system controller indicating which of said pilots  
8 at said mobile station equal or surpass said standard; and  
    adjusting said forward traffic channel power allocation based on said  
10 message.